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Wednesday, February 14

"Can Montreal support two English language dailies?" CBC NewsWorld TV taping, 7:30pm, TV Studio, Hall Bldg. Open Forum. Panelists from Gazette and Daily News.

"Tourists in developing countries: friends or foes?", free workshop, 7-9:30pm. Hall Bldg, H-762. To register call 848-4955.

Thursday, February 15

All Candidates Meeting for Quebec-PIRG. Board Election, 5-7 pm. N-408 Norris Bldg. 848-7585

"The US Invasion of Panama and its Aftermath", 4-6pm, rm 620, Hall bldg. For more info., contact Aaron at 523-5513, or Anne at 739-5205.

Steven Collins, "Nirvana, time and narrative", 4-5:30pm. At Lonergan University College, 7302 Sherbrooke St. W., Corner of West Broadway, N.D.G. Info.: 848-2280.

Violins and Veggies, at 12pm. Women's Centre, P-03 Mackay, 848-7431.

Friday, February 16

Concordia's Young Liberal Association's General Assembly at 3pm. School of Community and Public Affairs, 2149 Mackay. Info.: 366-9695.

Michael Fried, Professor of Humanities and art history at Johns Hopkins University, "Courbet's Realism". 6pm, Hall Bldg, rm 110.

"Cultural shock in the work environment", intercultural debate at 7pm, Monchanin Cross-Cultural Centre, 4917 St. Urbain, $5/$3. Info: 288-7229.

Saturday, February 17

Amnesty Benefit Concert, Groups : T.J. Plenty + friends, Mr Mom + Morgentaler, Fall Down Go Boom, the Griffins.Foufounes Electriques , 87 St-Catherine E. 7:30pm doors open. Sponsored by Amnesty Concordia; CRSG.

Concordia University Alumni Association Casino Night at 7pm, Sheraton Centre, 1201 Rene-Levesque Blvd. West. $25.00 per person. Call Gabrielle Korn at 848-3817.

Thursday, February 22

Anne Clare Keeler, "Peace through education", 4-5:30pm; Lonergan University College, 7302 Sherbrooke St. W., Corner of West Broadway, N.D.G. Free. Info.: 848-2280.

Sunday, February 25

A concert evening "Music from the Holocaust" Sunday, Feb. 25th, 1990, at 8:00pm, at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, 425 Metcalfe Av., Westmount. Tickets are free.

General Events

Victorian Paintings in the Beaverbrook Art Gallery, at the Concordia Art Gallery, runs until Feb. 24. Mezz., Hall bldg. 848-3494.

Avoid Bureaucracy: If you need to talk to the CUSA co-presidents, you can call their direct line at 848-7478. If you need to talk to a CUSA exec member, call 848-7483.

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Informal social group forming for single men and women (25+) at Concordia. Call Peter 453-5932.

Nominations for Quebec-PIRG Board of Directors Elections, Jan. 29 - Feb. 16. Nomination forms will be available at Quebec-PIRG office, 2130 Mackay St. All CUSA and ECA students welcome to run.

PH.D. Workshop - Visiting Speaker Series by Dr. Richard L. Daft: "Decision Making under the Ambiguity of High Technology", Vanderbilt University. Fri. February 16, 2. 1550 de Maisonneuve Blvd West, GM 403-2. For further info., please contact Prof. Gary Johns, Dept of Management, 848-2914 or Prof. A. Joy, Coordinator, 848-2964.

Quebec-PIRG film series: 1- "Le Bleu Perdu" - an animated film on pollution. 2- "In all Seasons" - an invaluable documentary for understanding the laws of nature. Feb. 15, 3pm., room 423 Hall Bldg. Call Quebec-PIRG, 848-7410.

Vigil, 6th Anniversary of "disappearance" of Alma Libia Samayoa Ramirez in Guatemala. Come to the vigil and demonstrate your concern at the thousands who have disappeared in Guatemala!! Feb.19, 5-6:30pm, Guatemalan Consulate, 1140 de Maisonneuve West. Sponsored by Amnesty Concordia, Group 14, 848-7410.

Peer Helper Program: Drop-in "booth" now open at the Hall Bldg. Peer helpers are Concordia students who are trained to be a resource to other students.

CUSA Excellence Teaching Award: Do you know a teacher who deserves an award? Please let us know. Nomination forms available at CUSA offices (SGW: H-637; Loyola: Campus Centre Basement). Deadline March 16. CUSA 848-7474.

Friday Night Belmore House community suppers: $2.00, 6pm. 3500 Belmore. Everyone is welcome. 848-3588.

Prison Visits program: Tuesday afternoon until 3 April. Call Matti Terho 848-3590 or Peter Cote 848-3586 if you would like to volunteer for this program.

Ski Outing followed by supper at Belmore House, Friday Feb. 16. For more info. call Matti Terho 848-3591.

Festival of one act plays, *The frog Prince, The Grand March*, Feb 14, 15, 16, 17, at 8:00pm. Chameleon Studio, Loyola Campus, 7141 Sherbrooke St. West. Free. For more info, call 848-4741.

Women's Listings

Women's self-defense. For info 278-1755.

Concordia Women's Collective meetings, Tues at 8:30 pm or Fri. at 4:00 pm. Call 848-7411, or drop in at 2020 Mackay, P-05

Bi-the-way, a discussion group for bisexual women meets every second Friday at Concordia Women's Centre. info: 848-7431

Lesbian Studies coalition of Concordia. Every Wednesday at 2170 Bishop (lounge). 2 p.m. .

Call for submissions, for Women's Centre 'Art Space' show next spring. Theme of exhibit: women and the animals in their lives. Submission deadline for original work is 28 Feb, 1990. Info: Sandra Hewton 848-7431 or 340-1315.

All women interested in attending a conference on *Women: Cultural, Ethnic, Sexual and Political Perspectives*, call the McGill Women's Union, 398-6823.

Lyllie Sue black and white photographs at the Concordia Women's Centre 2020 Mackay Feb. 7-March 2. Vernissage Wed, Feb. 7 16:00-20:00.

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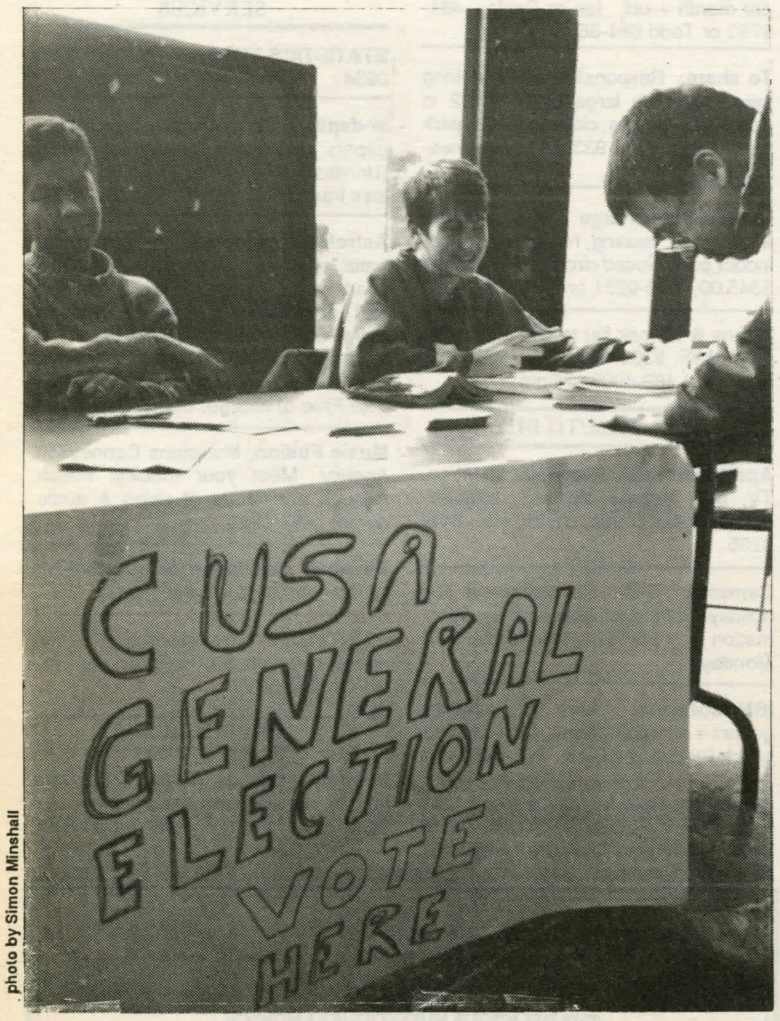

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Letovsky/Powell snap CUSA election victory

Voters bite into Big Apple

by Christopher Noxon

Don't look toward the newly-elected CUSA co-presidents to help lead the fight for a tuition-fee freeze next semester.

Stuart Letovsky and Tammy Powell, who won last week's election with 1,253 votes, may secede from l'Association Nationale des Etudiantes et Etudiants du Quebec (ANEEQ), because of the student federation's hard-nosed stance on maintaining the 20-year-old freeze on fees.

"We think dropping ANEEQ is something we might do because we feel they are not realistic enough," Letovsky said. "They believe fees should not go up. Let's face it — we've had the lowest fees since 1969. It's time fees went up."

Letovksy/Powell beat out the only opposing team, Eduardo Galvez and Ken Huck, by a margin of 359 votes. The total voter turnout this year was 2,226.

It was incorrectly reported in *The Gazette* yesterday that voter turnout almost tripled this year, stating that only 800 students voted last year. In fact, 1,326 did.

The winning candidates last year, Melodie Sullivan and Shawn O'Hara, only scraped up 363 votes.

Sullivan came under fire last February when she was accused of offering another co-presidential candidate Didier Pomerleau $250 to drop out of the election race.

Controversy also erupted two weeks ago when one of the co-presidential teams was disqualified from the election race after CUSA's judicial board learned candidate Zaheed Iftekhar was not a registered student and ineligible to run.

The only referendum on this year's ballot - the proposed CUSA fee hike - was rejected by a margin of 333 votes.

This year's campaign also featured a draw for a free trip to New York offered to attract voters to the polls. CUSA and Travel Cuts shared the $360 cost of the trip. The winner, second-year communications student Maureen Marovitch, received the tickets and a bottle of champagne at a press conference Monday.

CUSA decided to set up the incentive plan to increase the pathetic showing at the polls, usually hovering around two per cent of the Concordia population.

Although voter turnout almost-doubled this year, the percentage of students who voted only inched up to around three per cent from two per cent last year.

Letovsky called the incentive plan a failure, saying the election results prove the free trip wasn't worth CUSA's effort.

"I think it was a waste of time and money," Letovsky said. "Even if the trip did bring up the turnout to three per cent, does that justify the money CUSA spent to give it away?"

Huck, who ran against Letovsky and Powell, also thought the incentive plan didn't work.

"Increasing voter awareness is a great idea," Huck said. "But this free trip puts the reward for voting in the wrong place. Rewarding voters like this is wrong."

The organizer of the incentive plan, CUSA Chief Returning Officer Robert Douglas, said voter turnout increased because of the free trip and the media coverage it attracted.

"The trip made the difference," Douglas said. "People were lured to the election by the trip, then made an informed choice."

Douglas said coverage from the local and national media may have contributed to the higher turn-out as well as Canadian University Press, The Gazette, CBC, Newsweek magazine and CFCF all ran stories on the incentive plan.

Strike set for February 27

Student leaders discuss fee hike

by Link Newsstaff

Over 150 students turned up at a general assembly yesterday to voice their opinion on the provincial goverment's tuition fee hike slated for September.

Consensus at the meeting was overwhelmingly in favor of joining a strike to protest the fee hike. But final results of a vote were not available at press time.

A panel of five student leaders and vice-rector finances Maurice Cohen discussed the provincial government's proposed tuition increase.

Cohen said the increase would collect $41 million in the first year and $82 million in the second year. Twenty per cent of this will go into the loans and bursaries system.

"The government has assured us that the balance of the money will stay with the universities," Cohen said.

But student leaders from Concordia, ANEEQ, l'Université du Quebec a Montréal (UQAM) and McGill refuted the vice-rector's claim that a fee hike would actually benefit students.

ANEEQ executive member Jeff Begley said the government's proposal - which would raise students' fees by 125 per cent- would only increase Concordia's budget by one per cent.

"We need at least a 400-500 per cent increase to get a real impact on the quality of education," Begley said.

"The Hall building is falling apart. If the argument is to improve the quality of education, let's look for some real solutions."

Begley said that even Ryan is now admitting that some students will have to drop out of university.

"Studies are showing that anywhere between 11 and 15 per cent of students will be dropping out if the hike goes through. That's almost 26,000 who will have to drop out of school."

Eric Derrier, president of the McGill graduate's society said that the tuition fee hike is a regressive tactic that won't solve the universities' underfunding problem.

At a general assembly held at the Université de Montréal this week-end, over 60 student organizations voted to join the unlimited general strike starting Feb. 27.

A motion was passed saying that the strike will go through if more than half of all CEGEPS and univeristies in the province get a mandate from their student association to do so.

Student leaders want tuition fees- the lowest in the country- to stay at $550.

Education minister Claude Ryan announced in December that university students would pay an averge of $890 in tuition next year, and up to $1,240 in 1991-92.

Begley said enough momentum exists to warrant a strike.

"There's a consensus right now in the student movement against the tuition fee hike and of asking students to go on strike," Begley said.

"Until the executive and the board of directors take a clear position we can't expect Concordia students to take a clear position."

ANEEQ has planned a massive protest today to oppose the fee hike. The demonstration will begin at McGill and head to the Montreal stock exchange.

Concordia students will be meeting in the lobby of the Hall building at 2:45 tomorrow afternoon to then join the protest.

photo by Kate Kung

Africa Week drew crowds of onlookers to Concordia's Mezzanine where various political books and artifacts were on display.

Bookchin gets down to earth

by Wayne Hiltz

The solution to today's environmental crisis lies in creating a new type of politics , a prominent Vermont ecologist told a packed house at McGill last Thursday.

Author Murray Bookchin said that the present environmental crisis has deep-seated social roots and will only be turned around by profound social changes on a political scale.

"Every ecological problem is above all a social problem that stems from an irrational society which is growing madly and insanely," Bookchin said .

The lecture, entitled The Real Ecology Crisis and Green Politics, was organized by the McGill chapter of the Quebec Public Interest Research Group (QPIRG).

Bookchin urged ecological movements to mobilize people on the local level and to enter the electoral process. He added that if voters elect ecologically-minded people, they should control them as mandated deputies and not as free-wheeling agents.

Green movements should avoid working only toward the goal of political power, he warned. They should empower people to participate at the grass-roots level , ultimately through confederations with other communities.

Bookchin attacked the old- style party politics which encourage citizens to be passive spectators and governments to create endless numbers of commissions to study problems.

"It is now time that people be active agents in that most pivotal area which is closest to our private lives, our cities and our neighborhoods," he said.

Bookchin said if people ignore the social source of today's ecological crisis, they risk deceiving themselves that the ordinary citizen is the guilty party, rather than recognizing themselves as victims of a society oriented toward irrational growth.

"The statement that we are all responsible, is, to put it mildly, a little naive," he said, blaming giant corporations and the media for encouraging consumers to buy and buy.

Bookchin is a strong critic of the

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Book-burning and fag-bashing at Bishop's

Silence buys comfort in small town

by Daron Westman
Canadian University Press

Moving to Montréal from a small town in Québec's Eastern Townships a few years ago, I was surprised at the level of complacency within the gay and lesbian community of Montréal. The feeling that 'everything is more or less all right' seemed to be widespread.

I was struck by how unaware many people are of the vicious and often violent forms homophobia can take in this province. I was especially sensitive to this coming from Bishop's University, where I was at the centre of a disturbing chapter in the lesbian and gay history of Québec.

In the fall of 1979, I was a first-year student at Bishop's, a university of less than 2000 students in Lennoxville, a town two hours' drive south-east of Montréal. At the beginning of October, I placed a fairly innocuous classified ad in the student newspaper — "Any homosexual students interested in forming a Gay Students' Alliance are invited to contact Daron Westman at Box 631."

This one sentence led to the creation of the first lesbian and gay association on campus. It also triggered a vicious wave of anti-gay hatred and violence unlike anything Lennoxville had ever before seen.

I did receive interested replies from three lesbians and six gay men, but most of the notes I received in response to that first ad were hate letters, such as one addressed to "Daron 'The Queer' Westman" which called me a "cock-sucking, anus-licking dildoe [sic]." Another letter, from a group calling itself the "disiples [sic] of Anita Bryant," threatened to "break [my] fucking arms and legs, permanently."

While walking home on the evening of October 16, I was attacked and beaten by two young men who threatened to come back and break my legs if we continued to try to set up a gay group on campus. This violence frightened most of the members of our new Gay Students' Alliance back into the closet. As I was already identified, I had little to lose and was able to continue to serve as a contact person for new and/or isolated gay people on campus.

But my visibility — as practically the only openly gay person in a small community where everyone knows everybody else — made me the target of more acts of hostility and violence. Over the next couple of years I was beaten up four more times. My glasses were broken three times, twice I was briefly hospitalized, and once my left arm was broken — not to mention an almost daily barrage of more trivial physical and verbal abuse.

Our group continued to operate, 'underground'. Despite the harassment, a good number of 'liberal-minded' students supported our right to organize, and we were able to sponsor a number of discussions about homosexuality and homophobia on campus. We even brought in a speaker from the (now-defunct) *Body Politic*, although we were unable to convince the library or the bookstore to carry the magazine.

Much of our support came from Bishop's student newspaper, *The Campus*. Then-editor Susan Milner wrote an editorial denouncing the "strong streak of bigotry hidden beneath the licentiousness [of Bishop's student life]." As a result, several newspaper staffers also began to receive death threats and abusive phone calls protesting "giving space and publicity to perverts."

BOOK-BURNING AND FAG-BASHING

Things changed dramatically in the academic year 1980-1981, the second year of our group's existence. During the summer of 1980, I was appointed editor of the student handbook. The student council committee which hired me seemed a little apprehensive, but the original editor had resigned suddenly and there were few students left in town with any experience.

The handbook I produced was, not surprisingly, the first we'd ever had that included any material of interest to lesbian and gay students — the address of the one gay bar in nearby Sherbrooke. I knew this would draw some flak, so I included a short editorial explaining why it was important — and only fair — that lesbians and gay men should find themselves honestly reflected in the media.

"We grow up in a strictly heterosexist environment which implicitly and explicitly condemns our sexual orientation," the introduction read. "Because we find no role models in our own environment, the media provides us with the first images of what we are. The struggle to break into the mass media is a critical part of the process of making a place for gay people in our culture."

The administration bureaucrat who was overseeing my work told me I had to remove this editorial or the book wouldn't be published. I promised to comply, and then snuck it to the printer behind his back.

The attempt to censor something so mild convinced me all the more of the importance of gay access to the general media, so I also replaced the insipid cover the administrator had insisted upon with a red and black cover depicting a demonstration. One prominant placard in the graphic read very clearly, "Better Blatant than Latent."

When the handbook came back from the printer, all 3000 copies were impounded by the administration and hidden in sealed boxes in, fittingly, an unused closet.

After much (confidential) debate among the powers that be about whether to shred all the books or merely to rip out the offending pages, it was decided to release the books as they were, but with a disclaimer pasted on the inside front cover in which the administration denied any responsibility for the contents. It apologized for "the inclusion of any statements or illustrations in this book which might be considered to be in poor taste."

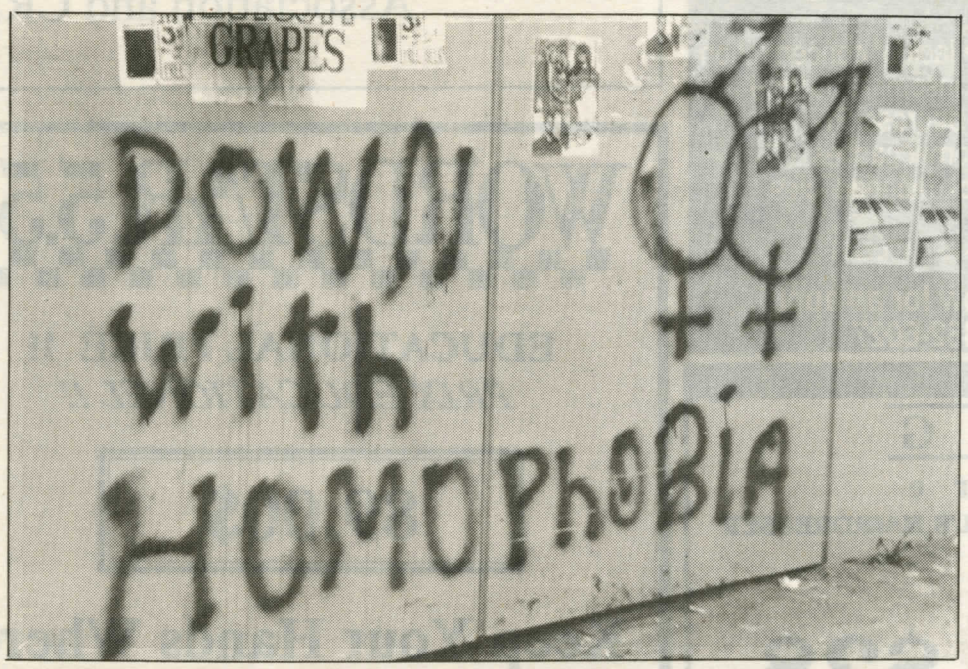
The handbooks were released to the students on September 9, 1980. That same evening, more than 75 students gathered behind a Bishop's residence building to stage a 45–minute book-burning where more than 100 copies of the book were torched. According to newspaper reports, the students said they objected to "fag propaganda."

"We're burning it because it's useless trash," said one student, while another shouted, "This is what we should do to all faggots!"

(The organizers of the book-burning had invited me by telephone to attend, but for some reason I declined.)

The administration said nothing about the book-burning, as it had said nothing about any of the earlier instances of anti-gay violence on campus.

Sondra Corry, a feminist activist on campus at the time, told *The Campus*, "In my opinion, the disclaimer incited the book-burning. When you have an administration that condones homophobic attitudes, the students can be confident that such an extreme action will be met with the silence it was."



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'LIBERAL BACKLASH

Now that we were taking space for ourselves rather than just playing the victim, the administration was not alone in its support for the book-burners. A number of previously 'liberal' students who had supported us in the past began to accuse me of "ramming my homosexuality down the throats of the student body."

The student newspaper, previously so sympathetic, began a systematic purge of the lesbian and gay students on its staff, and later began to run a number of homophobic articles and cartoons. As a result, I am perhaps the only person on earth who has ever been depicted as both Jesus Christ and Adolf Hitler in caricatures in the same newspaper a few months apart.

Also that fall, a gay man was beaten to death by gay bashers in nearby Sherbrooke. His murder was unrelated to events at Bishop's but between the two, most of the members of the Gay Alliance were led to quit the group or leave the university altogether.

We limped along doing very little until the spring of 1983, when *The Campus*, prodded along by Canadian University Press, agreed to publish its first Gay Rights Supplement on February 11.

Following its publication, the newspaper office was broken into and trashed and 500 copies of the issue disappeared. There was a storm of threatening letters once again, including one which threatened the editor's girlfriend with rape. Two days later, I was assaulted by three men wearing ski masks, one of whom broke my arm by striking it repeatedly with a hockey stick.

One week later, two bus loads of supporters from Gays and Lesbians of McGill and Lesbian and Gay Friends of Concordia rallied at Bishop's for a demonstration. But most local gays and lesbians felt the atmosphere was too dangerous and did not take part.

The Gay Alliance itself ceased to exist that spring when all the remaining members graduated. A new group, Students Against Homophobia, had no openly gay members and followed a more liberal approach, but it too was harassed out of existence after only one year.

In 1987, now a graduate student at McGill, I applied to teach part-time back at my old campus in Lennoxville. The hiring committee did ask me to assure them that there would be no more book-burnings if they hired me, but in the end they gave me the job.

And so I was going back to teach at a campus where there had been no organized gay community for a number of years, and where I was still known to the administration as something of a noisy radical.

To my shame, it has turned out so far that the hiring committee needn't have worried about me — so unsure am I about my position on campus and so nervous about keeping my job. As a part-timer, I never know from semester to semester if I will be rehired.

So far I haven't tried to start up another group, partly because I fear for my job, but more because as a teacher I feel vulnerable to the age-old charge of 'recruiting' and perverting impressionable children.

While I have protested homophobia on campus openly as a gay man in a couple of public forums and I did convince *The Campus* to publish another Gay Rights Supplement in February, 1989, I have never come out in any of my classes — even when we have been discussing homosexuality.

This is partly because I find myself thinking the class will be more receptive to my positive comments about lesbians and gays if they do not think I am being partisan, and partly because the administration continues to give me veiled hints about "proselytizing".

Some things have improved since the book-burning. The last gay supplement in the newspaper led to no violence. A Bishop's professor I know, who in my student days expressed the hope that homosexuality would never be publicly accepted lest his two sons get the idea to grow up gay, now encourages his sons to take language lessons

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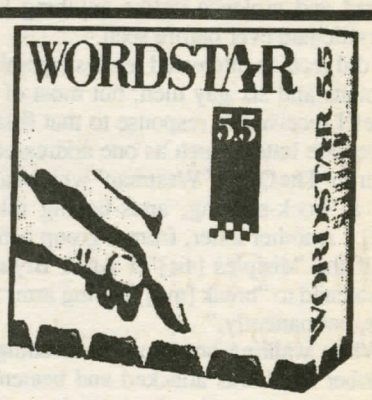

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We're not 'wrongbecause' you say so

by David T. Aveline

As a teenager growing up in the 60's, homosexuality was never presented to me in a favourable way. I read newspapers with headlines such as "Perverts Arrested" or "Homos in Government." I read library books about sexual offences, sexual abnormalities, and anything else sexual that contrasted itself against 'proper' heterosexual behaviour. I even got as far as law books which often referred to it as "the infamous crime against nature."

And, there were countless conversations... Homosexuality is wrong because of this, wrong because of that, wrong because of anything imaginable.

Now, twenty-five years later, we live in a different era. McCarthyism is past history, homosexuality has long been cured of its supposed mental illness and an entire generation of lesbians and gays born after Stonewall have come out.

But, the 'wrongbecauses' stubbornly remain the same. Perhaps a few new ones like 'wrongbecause-of-AIDS' have cropped up but, like the tunes of the 50's, those old classics are still around, tireless and ready to be carted out for any occasion.

I am amazed that, even though these wrongbecauses are logical absurdities, people stand by them like unshakable paradigmatic truths. These wrongbecauses are used unquestionably by those who otherwise show remarkable intelligence, as if they had a rationality as solid as simple arithmetic. In the space allotted to me here, I would like to look at the assumptions of a few of these wrongbecauses.

Homosexuality is Wrongbecause if everyone were homosexual, the human race would die out.

This has always been my favourite. It is the perfect example of a 'tautology' — no one can deny its self-contained truth.

By the same logic, prepubescence is also wrongbecause if everyone were prepubescent, the human race would die out. The same would apply to being a woman, or celibate, or asleep. *Homosexuality is Wrongbecause most people think so.*

Another flawless tautology. Most people think that homosexuality is wrong. Why then is homosexuality wrong? Because most people think so?

Homosexuality is Wrongbecause it is inherently evil.

This one came from the Pope in an ex cathedra statement several years ago. Again, the same pattern is evident. A state of being is declared wrong because of a particular negative trait.

With no way to prove or disprove the negativity of the trait, however, the statement is as meaningless as "bananas are yellow because of their colour." In the same statement, incidentally, the Pope called violence towards gays "understandable".

Homosexuality is Wrongbecause it says so in the Bible.

A statement is written saying that a particular thing is wrong. Why is this particular thing wrong? Because a statement exists saying so.

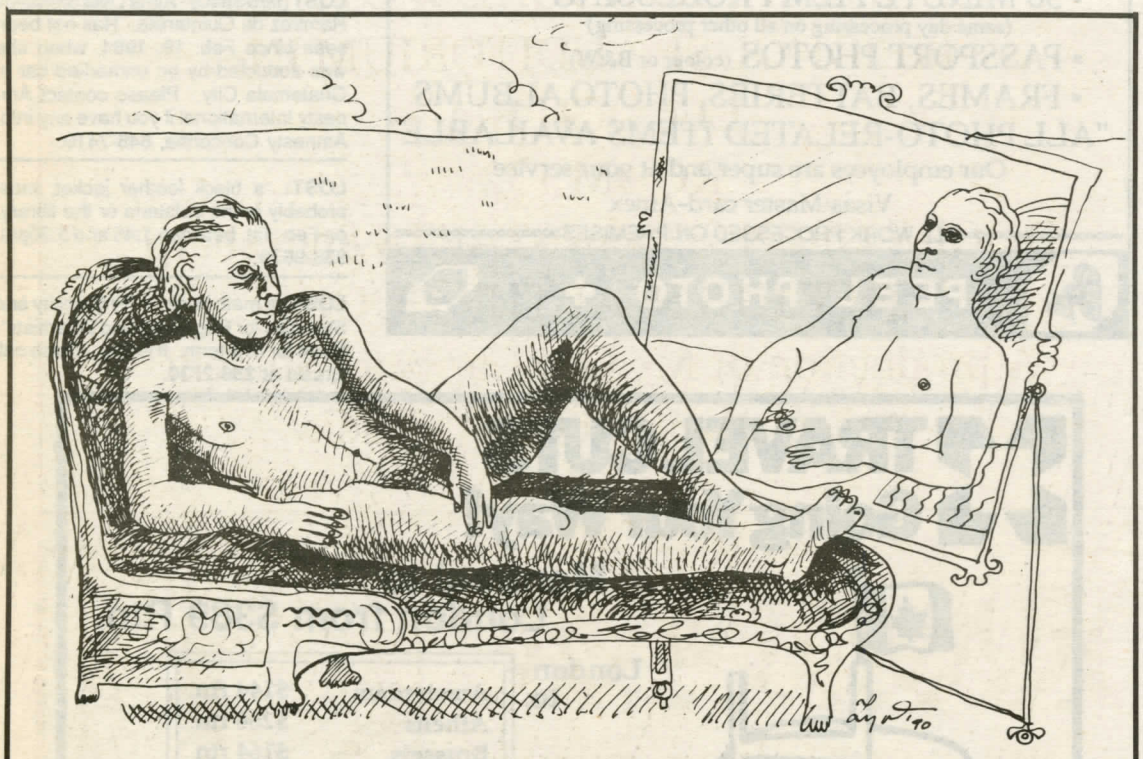
Those who use the Bible to say something is wrong never seem to have a response to all the laws of God that they break. How many men, for example, give their priest two young pigeons for sacrifice eight days after they ejaculate[Leviticus 15:14-15]? Does Jimmy Swaggart? And what about those who commit the abomination of wearing clothing of more than one fabric (Deuteronomy 22:11)?

Homosexuality is Wrongbecause homosexuals can be blackmailed.

The armed forces have been using this one for years. They never seem to realize that the same logic applies equally to banana eating. The logic goes something like this: They say, 'we want you to report people to us whom you see eating bananas so we can throw them out. Since banana eaters don't want to be thrown out, they will do anything to conceal their banana eating. Banana eaters are therefore a threat to security. Because of this, we want you to report people whom you see eating bananas so we can throw them out.'

And so the absurdities continue — wrongbecause its an illness, wrongbecause it's against nature, wrongbecause of its wrongness. They continue because they are the only possible arguments against an action or state of being that harms no one in itself. And, by definition, they are no arguments at all.

They are simply weak gropings to give legitimacy to irrational emotions — legitimacy to 'wrongbecause-I-don't-like-it', 'wrongbecause-I-am-afraid-of-it' or 'wrongbecause-I-don't-understand-it'. This last one, lack of understanding, is perhaps the greatest truth. And, sadly, no truth at all.



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compiled by Matt Hays

1. Do gay sheep exist?
2. In 1977 America saw its first openly gay politician elected as a city supervisor. The charismatic Harvey Milk, and Mayor George Moscone, were gunned down less than a year later in San Francisco's City Hall in a bizarre assassination by fellow city supervisor Dan White. White, tried for murder, got off on a reduced charge of manslaughter. What was the defense that allowed him a reduced sentence?
3. "The issue of homosexuality always makes me nervous. I don't have any, you know, personal knowledge about homosexuality and I guess being a Baptist, that would contribute to a sense of being uneasy." To which U.S. President is this quote attributed?
4. Easy: Who called homosexuality "The love that dare not speak its name"?
5. Tougher: Who called it "The love that won't shut up"?
6. Who outraged Gay and AIDS activists when he suggested all AIDS carriers be tattooed for easy identification?
7. In 1988, NDP MP Svend Robinson 'came out of the closet' and publicly announced his sexual orientation. 1989 saw him reelected. Robinson is Canada's first openly gay member of parliament. Britain had one first. Name him.
8. Contemporary gay liberation began in June, 1969, when gays chose to fight back against police harassment in several days of rioting in Greenwich Village, New York City. This turning point in civil rights history is dubbed "Stonewall." What is it named after?
9. In 1973 the American Psychiatric Association's Board of Trustees made a controversial ruling. The outcry from much of their membership was so loud it forced the organization into action unprecedented in its 129 year history: the ruling was put to a vote of the general membership. What was the ruling that prompted such action?
10. Who was the first openly gay person to appear on the cover of *Time* Magazine?
11. What did a man named Oliver Sipple have to do with U.S. President Gerald Ford?
12. Last year a nation became the second in the world to legalize same sex marriages. Name the country (Sweden was the first).
13. Alan Turing was a gay British mathematician who helped the allied forces win World War II. After the war he was tried and convicted on charges of gross indecency. He was placed on probation, and subjected to two years of disfiguring hormone treatments to "cure" him. Turing then committed suicide. What was Turing's contribution to the British war effort?
14. What was the first Hollywood film in which all of the principle characters were gay?
15. One of the best cinematic depictions of lesbian love is Donna Deitch's *Desert Hearts* (1986). Who wrote the book on which it was based?
16. In 1978, this man sent shockwaves through the Gay community with a book which condemned promiscuity and knocked gay men for their 'irresponsibility.' Now, with the onslaught of AIDS, many see him as a prophet. He has also been involved with many prominent AIDS organizations. Name him.
17. This author had a gay love story published posthumously. The story is set in the Cambridge university community and is the author's appeal for tolerance of homosexuality. Name the book and the author.
18. Which was the first university in Canada to offer a joint Gay literature and Film studies course or a lesbian studies sociology course?
19. True or False: Last year Toronto City Council refused to declare an official Gay Pride Day, but did declare an official Muppet Baby Day.
20. Name the only city in the world that has an official Joan Collins Day.

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Who's queer?

by Biker Bob

Since we have taken some steps toward the elimination of patriarchal language to offset an anti-female bias, it's time we realigned a few words that are indicative of an anti-lesbian/gay bias.

'Homo' and 'queer' are both used in a derogatory fashion, and fail to correctly describe what they allegedly label. 'Homo' can be short for 'homosexual,' but is also short for 'homo sapiens' and 'homogenized.' It can also be short for 'homophobic.'

'Queer,' in my dictionary, denotes one who is "not quite well" or "mildly insane." With their bigoted, irrational hatred of lesbians and gays, homophobes could be more rightly described as "not quite well" and "mildly insane."

Perhaps being referred to as homos and queers would sensitize the homophobic straights to what lesbians and gays have put up with.

"Queer-bashing" is generally used to indicate a violent physical assault on a gay or lesbian. Considering that the people committing the assault are supposed to be strong, macho, perfect examples of secure masculinity, why do they always attack in groups, and why do they need to use weapons? Could it be that homophobes are filthy yellow cowards as well as ignorant, prejudiced jerks?

If 'queer' is still going to mean 'gay,' then let's realign 'queer-bashing' to mean 'bashed by queers' instead of 'bashing a queer.' Perhaps if a few beefy gays surrounded a lone homophobic straight and beat the tar our of him with clubs... would that even the balance?

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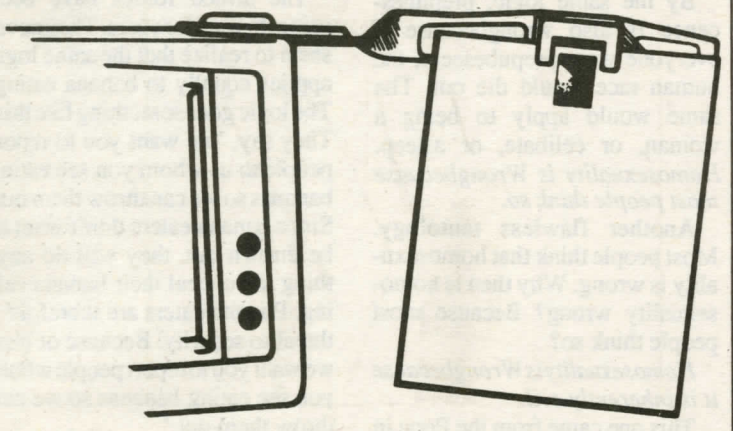

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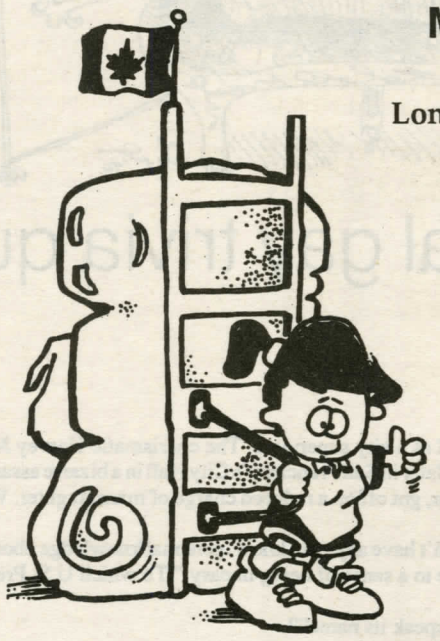

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Human sexuality is very complex. Our sexualities are not carved in stone and cannot be easily defined. There is a large gradient between heterosexuality and homosexuality that we believe a large number of people fit into. If these people call themselves bisexual, they will most definitely have widely varying personal understandings of their own sexuality and lifestyle. It is very difficult for one bisexual to speak for all, making it difficult to explain to ourselves to others if we so choose.

However, we do share a few universal similarities. Obviously, we are all attracted to some degree to members of both sexes. As a result, we feel pressure to choose between the two, to label ourselves, and to identify with the gay or straight worlds. There is little or no bisexual identity or language. So we end up constantly defining ourselves by other people's terms and trying to fit into other people's worlds. It doesn't work.

In general 'het' opinion, we're abnormal and almost as bad as 'those queers'. To many lesbians and gays, we're all treacherous liars who are really straights with kinky fantasies.

In many ways, it hurts more when we are rejected by the gay community (or told that our sexuality does not exist). Everyone who is openly gay has had, in some way or another, to accept a socially unacceptable sexuality; why can't they accept ours?!

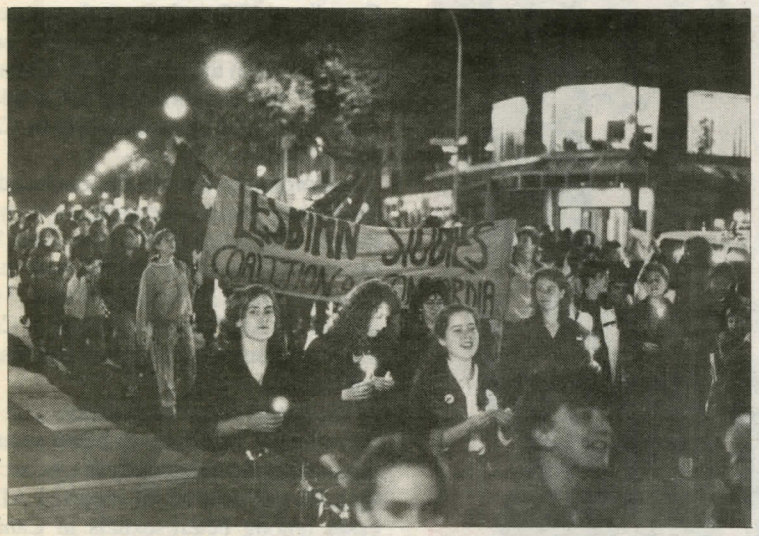
But on the other hand, some bisexuals enter the gay community to indulge in its many pleasures and them run back to the heterosexual safe world whenever the going gets uncomfortable — and that is just as unfair.

Many gay men and lesbians may have been hurt by a bisexual individual or doubt the reality of bisexuality. But they must begin to open their minds and not prejudge bisexuals. A lot of us are really nice people that you could easily learn to love.

We have to understand fully that we are oppressed and discriminated against because of the homosexual aspects of our sexuality. So, we have a responsibility to support the struggle for gay and lesbian liberation. This means acknowledging our true sexualities whenever possible, recognizing that we are all fighting for a common goal of sexual liberation, and building a solidarity between lesbian, gay and bisexual people. We need to work together towards a totally inclusive society.

Finally, there is a real need to strengthen the bisexual identity. It would help a lot of people if society realised that bis are not necessarily oversexed spoiled brats who want their cake and eat it too. The alienation we experience is very real.It will not disappear until we are accepted as sharing characteristics of both the hets and the gays; and until our choices and our issues are accepted.

— written by the bisexual members of the Lesbian and Gay Caucus of the 52nd Canadian University Press National Conference, January 1990.



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Groups doing government's job

by Yvon Provencher

Why doesn't the Quebec Government publish AIDS literature?

A person walked into the Lesbian and Gay Friends of Concordia (LGFC) office and asked me this question. After some thought, I answered that the government didn't seem to care about the problems posed by AIDS. I then went on to wonder why, indeed, the government has been absent in this matter.

The following are the thoughts that occurred to me. I do not pretend to have all the answers — just thoughts about the issue.

The Quebec government, like any other, acts if it can be pressured from its electorate. In Quebec, community organizations directly involved with AIDS activism have exerted some pressure. However, their message seems to have gone unheard.

Our government did publish a small pamphlet last year outlining precautions one can take to minimize the risks of becoming infected with HIV. But, the pamphlet was small in more ways than its number of pages. It contained inaccurate and incomplete safer sex information. And, our health minister Therèse Lavoie-Roulx delivered a speech at the international AIDS conference, held in Montreal, last June. As far as I know, this is where governmental action stops in Quebec.

Some organizations believe information about safe sex and HIV infection should be given directly to the public, since the Quebec government appears to have difficulties in this respect. These organizations stage events where literature and, yes, condoms (since HIV can be transmitted through unprotected sex) are handed out to the public.

Last fall, LGFC and Comité SIDA Action Montreal (CSAM) collaborated in such an event at Concordia.

In the same vein, LGFC hands out free condoms at its dances. In addition, explanations are given to our lesbian friends as to how to use condoms for lesbian safer sex: cut a non-lubricated condom in half and use to avoid contact between mouth and the vagina.

These are small examples of small initiatives taken by two organizations. Other ones attempt to inform the general society that AIDS is everyone's problem.

Are we so blind that we are going to wait until AIDS begins to take its economic as well as its social toll on society?

ANSWERS TO PAGE 7 QUIZ

1. Apparently so. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Sheep Experimental Station in Dubois, Idaho, recently confirmed that eight per cent of their sheep population is gay.

"It's a very interesting model and we can learn a great deal about homosexuality from it," said Anne Perkins, a doctoral student, completing her dissertation on reproductive behaviour in rams. "They are not morally or culturally or ethically behaving like humans. These sheep are just doing what their bodies are telling them to do." Perkins adds that gay sex has been observed in 63 mammalian species.

2. White's lawyers claimed that White's consumption of too much junk food prior to the shooting (which included a Big Mac and several Twinkies) led to a severe chemical imbalance in his system, causing him to lose control and shoot both Milk and Moscone.

"The Twinkie Defense," as it has come to be known, soon became famous internationally in psychiatric circles — as a joke. White's time in prison was shortened further due to his good behaviour. He received absolutely no psychiatric treatment while in prison. Clearly mentally unstable, White committed suicide shortly after his release.

3. Jimmy Carter, served 1976-80.

4. Oscar Wilde.

5. Filmmaker Mike Nichols.

6. William F. Buckley. On March 18, 1986, the well-known arch conservative wrote in the pages of the *New York Times*: "Everyone detected with AIDS should be tattooed in the upper forearm to protect common needle users and on the buttocks to prevent the victimization of other homosexuals."

7. Labour MP Chris Smith, who was re-elected in 1988 and serves the Islington South constituency in London.

8. Stonewall was the name of a popular gay bar. The building is now a clothing store. Don't worry, they sell commemorative ties.

9. The ruling removed homosexuality from the APA's list of mental disorders. The action was dubbed "an instant cure" by many gay activists, but some APA members were outraged. The petition demanding the referendum was circulated by New York psychiatrist Charles Socarides who said "(the ruling is) the medical hoax of the century. It is flying in the face of the one fact we know, which is that male and female are programmed to mate with the opposite sex, and this is the story of two and a half billion years of evolution and any society that hopes to survive."

Obviously he hadn't heard about the sheep.

The referendum upheld the board of trustees' decision to remove homosexuality from its list of mental disorders.

10. Leonard Matlovich. In 1975, he challenged the American military's ban on known homosexuals. Matlovich had an outstanding record and had received two medals, a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. Still, the courts upheld Matlovich's military discharge. He eventually died of AIDS, and his tombstone reads: "The army gave me a medal for killing two men, and a discharge for loving one."

11. In 1975, a woman took a shot at then President Ford (interestingly, she was the second woman within a month to attempt to assassinate Ford). Vietnam veteran Sipple grabbed the gun, deflecting the shot. He was soon dubbed "The man who saved the President" by the media.

Press scrutiny revealed, as *Time* Magazine was to put it, that Sipple

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Dismissing AIDS as the bogeyman

Concordia denies gays benefits

by Mike Orsini

Johanne Smith taught math for 15 years; she died in a car accident last week. But Smith's lover of 10 years isn't entitled to any insurance money.

This could happen at Concordia.

The same university which introduced a ground-breaking non-discriminatory HIV/AIDS policy a year ago still actively discriminates against its gay employees.

Employees in lesbian or gay common law relationships cannot insure their spouses under Concordia University's life-insurance package.

While the Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms specifically forbids discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, one section states that certain articles "do not apply to pension plans, retirement plans, life insurance plans, or any other plan or scheme of social benefits unless the discrimination is founded on race, colour, religion, political convictions, language, ethnic or national origin or social condition."

The faculty's 1988 collective agreement also forbids discrimination against gays.

Tom Waugh, a cinema professor at Concordia, has been fighting for almost two years to ensure that gay employees get the same rights and benefits as heterosexual faculty and staff. He said the benefits committee points to the charter's loophole as a legal pretext for discrimination.

Waugh is working with Pat Freed, faculty personnel administrator, and a few others. The lobby group is small, he said, because many members of Concordia's gay community aren't "out" yet.

The group plans to take the university to court if their demands aren't met.

Freed said a university so proud of its AIDS policy should be leading other employers in drafting non-discriminatory life insurance packages. "Universities are supposed to be at the forefront of learning," Freed said. "Is this all tokenism?"

Last September, Concordia's employment benefits committee rejected a request to drop "opposite sex" from the definition of "spouse," which determines eligibility for the Optional Dependent Life Insurance component of the Concordia Survivor Protection Program. Members cited the uncertainties and risks involved in providing insurance coverage where no precedent exists.

In fact, precedent does exist. Four Canadian universities – Dalhousie and Acadia in Nova Scotia, York and the University of British Columbia (UBC) – have introduced same-sex benefits for their gay and lesbian employees.

UBC recently awarded medical benefits to spouses of its gay employees, ruling that the university's health care plan violated the non-discrimination clause in the faculty association's collective agreement. Unlike Quebec and Ontario, B.C.'s lesbian and gay communities are not protected by their provincial human rights charter.

In a letter dated last September, benefits committee member Maurice Cohen – Concordia's vice-rector institutional relations and finance – said the university's optional dependent life insurance "makes distinctions or exclusions on the basis of gender, marital status and family relationships. These distinctions are not deemed to be discriminatory."

Cohen said the requirement for a spouse to be of the opposite sex is consistent with the Income Tax Act, the Federal Pension Benefits Standards Act and the Canadian Human Rights Pension and Insurance Regulations.

Following a faculty strike at Halifax's Dalhousie University last year, the collective agreement was amended to allow partners of gay professors to enjoy the same pension benefits as those of heterosexual colleagues.

In order to do this, the definition of "spouse" was changed to include "a person of the same sex with whom the member has been cohabiting for at least one year in a conjugal relationship."

Last year, Concordia commissioned William M. Mercer Ltd, a local consulting firm specializing in benefits and pensions, to prepare a report on the implications of covering same sex spouses under the insurance program.

Most of the 25-page report, delivered in Aug. 1989, deals with AIDS and the disease's impact on potential insurance claims and premiums.

Although the report states that the effect of AIDS on Concordia's life insurance plan is "extremely difficult to predict with any degree of confidence," it later goes on to say that the threat of AIDS will drive insurance premiums up.

"Covering spouses of the same sex could double Concordia's exposure to AIDS claims under the Health Plan, and adversely affect the experience of the Dependent Life Plan," the report concludes. "Given the magnitude of the claim dollars involved with AIDS situations, your premium rates for future years may be materially affected by such claims."

Concordia benefits officer Ernest Haigh says even if he knew how many employees have AIDS, he wouldn't tell; it's therefore impossible to calculate rate hikes.

Waugh said the report uses AIDS as the bogeyman.

"I was very alarmed to see that the report raised this issue," he said. "It's complete speculation. It implies that non-discrimination is too costly and that has nothing to do with it."

Liam Dixon, the senior consultant who drafted the Mercer report, admitted he had a lot of difficulty with the final version, but said it was the first time he was asked to prepare something like this.

"I was asked (by the university) in a two-liner to offer advice," he said. "I think they expected a two-page letter back or something."

Regarding the conspicuous absence of Canadian AIDS statistics and overuse of US data, Dixon said the "rough" estimates found in the report were "Canadianized," but supported by a Canadian study prepared by Mutual Life of Canada in 1988.

According to the US figures listed in the Mercer Report, the great majority of People with AIDS (PWA) are males between the ages of 20 and 59, with most between 30 and 39. It also said that 83 per cent of all AIDS cases reported in Canada are amongst homosexual and bisexual males.

The report does not mention that the rate of HIV infection in heterosexuals has increased dramatically in Quebec. In fact, 93 per cent of all reported AIDS cases among heterosexuals in Canada reside in Quebec, according to the Centre for AIDS Studies at the Montreal General Hospital.

Also, four per cent of people who use intravenous drugs in Montreal have tested HIV-positive. These are predominantly heterosexual cases.

Anyone whose does not practice safer sex, gay or straight, is at risk, according to Dr. Beverlie Conant Sloane, who spoke at Concordia last week at an AIDS education conference.

"We must teach in a clear, unambiguous way that the HIV virus is the enemy, not people with AIDS," she said.

Waugh and Freed both say the Mercer Report figures perpetuate the myth that only gay males contract HIV.

English professor Robert Martin is also outraged by the Mercer report for using AIDS to deliberately instill terror in the heterosexual community.

"I think it's ridiculous," he said. "It's a disgusting tactic. They're simply trying to frighten people about AIDS."

Waugh and Martin both agree the lack of recognition of gay employees stems from systemic discrimination by those

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who still label AIDS a 'gay disease.'

"A lot of people still think if people get AIDS, it is their own fault," Martin said.

Dixon said the university is not bound by the Mercer report.

Costs aside, nothing is holding Concordia back from introducing same-sex benefits to its gay employees, he said.

"It's a moral issue," Dixon said. "They (Concordia) may be morally in favor of it, but cannot afford it."

Although he believes the majority of insurance companies would be reluctant to inititate such a change, Dixon said the insurer — Sunlife — would probably accept altering the spousal definition in fear of losing a prestigious client.

The Sunlife account executive responsible for the Concordia life insurance program refused to say what the company would do if asked to extend coverage.

"It's the choice of the university," Michel Lebourdais said. "I'm not saying Sunlife would or wouldn't (accept same-sex benefits)."

Lebourdais said he supports the action on a personal level, but his employer is looking for a profit.

"I don't think that it's fair to label one class in society," Lebourdais said. "I think it's very insulting. But we're not in the morality business. This is the insurance business."

Lebourdais also said no insurance plans in Montreal exist yet for same-sex spouses, and he doubts a motion to alter the spousal definition would pass if introduced.

"Given the context and the huge profile that AIDS has now, I'd say 'no'. AIDS hurts. AIDS kills. Rightfully or wrongfully, there's a lot of prejudice," Lebourdais said.

Waugh says everyone is shifting the blame, but the insurance company cannot be used as the only scapegoat.

He said university officials have told him they will go ahead with any decision made by the benefits committee. And the university originally claimed insurance companies would never accept a request for same-sex benefits.

"I think that there's a lot of passing the buck," Waugh said. "Every time that buck is passed, it's another six months (of waiting)."

Hal Proppe, associate vice-rector of institutional relations and finance, said the university and the benefits committee are taking the issue seriously.

"We're not stepping back from social responsibility," he said. "We weren't passing a moral judgment of any kind."

Proppe said the benefits committee decided that it would be irresponsible for Concordia to venture into "uncharted territory."

"Is it fair to have other employees pay a penalty at the expense of offering a benefit to a certain amount of people?" he asked. "I think it's too early."

Proppe said Sunlife did agree to honour the change if made by the committee, but only after some "arm-twisting." But Concordia's health insurance carrier, Metropolitan Life, gave a categoric 'no.'

"We've always been on the vanguard for lots of things, but until the (insurance) industry's mentality catches up with the profit-making organizations, it wouldn't be a good idea," Proppe said. "The social climate has to change."

Walter Wheatley, a security officer and current president of Concordia University Non-academic Staff Association (CUNASA) which represents about 1200 employees and holds two seats on the committee, said the climate is ripe for change.

"We don't understand," he said. "It doesn't make sense at all to not provide this coverage in an enlightened community. It reflects a lot of outdated ideas."

"To me it's not really a big deal," said Proppe. "I can't fully understand their outrage. It (the question of same-sex benefits) was handled honourably."

Stamping out AIDS ignorance

by Danielle Comeau

"Just Say No" may be the battle cry of right-wing moralists, but it will take more than that to stop AIDS on Canadian campuses, according to educators speaking at a Friday conference at Concordia.

Education campaigns which bombard students with information are not enough because, although they may increase awareness, they often do not change students' behaviour, Dr. Beverlie Conant Sloane said.

The day-long conference on AIDS focused on how to get students to actually practice safer sex. The number of reported AIDS cases among teenagers in the U.S. have increased by 40 per cent in the past two years, and two out of every 1000 students in the U.S. are infected with HIV, the virus which causes AIDS, according to a recent study by the Centre for Disease Control.

"You [in Canada] still have the time to save the lives we have already lost," said Conant Sloane, a Dartmouth College, N.H. AIDS educator who, along with her husband, pioneered a peer education programme called RAID (Responsible AIDS Information at Dartmouth).

RAID uses a live roadshow with music, humour and simulated situations to drive home the need for safer sex. Performed all over campus in pubs, frathouses and sororities, Conant Sloane said RAID describes explicitly safer sex techniques and encourages audience participation.

"The need is critical, and the price of neglect is high," said Conant Sloane. "We must teach the students to make their own decisions."

At one point during the RAID show, audience members pair up and practice rolling a condom over their partner's fingers. This, according to Sloane, helps demystify condom use and makes students more comfortable when talking about sex.

Canada lags behind the U.S. in the AIDS crisis in both education and infection rates, and without aggressive information programmes, Canada can expect a similar rise in infection rates among youth.

A 1988 Canadian study on youth and AIDS showed some alarming statistics:

- 19 per cent of University students have10 or more partners in their first year;
- discriminatory attitudes towards homosexuality are directly related to attitudes about AIDS;
- although 88 per cent of students would suggest using condoms to their friends for a first time encounter, only 70 per cent would use one themselves.

Conant Sloane said educators must actively involve students, giving them the information and skills needed to make informed decisions on their sexual practices.

Dr. David Sloane said "too many people focus on 'abnormal' behaviour, and on high risk groups. We need compassion, not criticism." Comprehensive AIDS education also includes debunking myths about homosexuality and drug use.

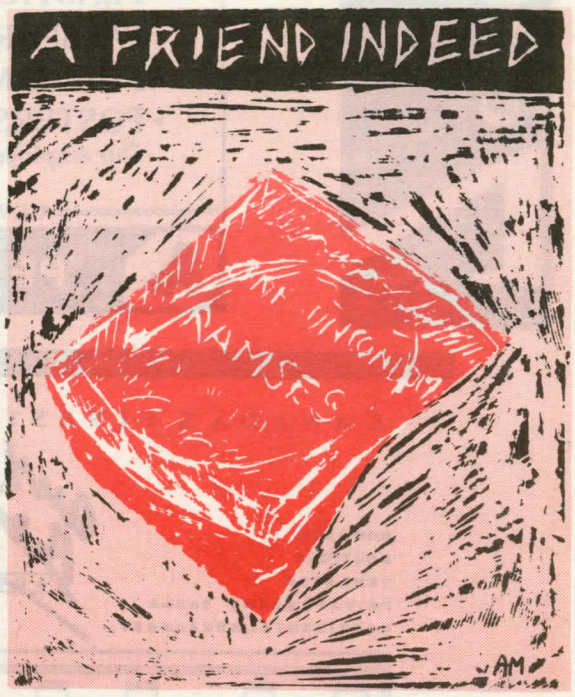
"AIDS forces us to talk openly about sex, homosexuality and drugs," said Sloane. "The enemy is not people with many sexual partners, not homosexuality, not intravenous drug users. The enemy is the HIV virus, which causes AIDS.

"Knowledge is not enough. We have to make these facts relevant to their lives."

Concordia has had HIV/AIDS guidelines in place since Dec. 1, 1988. They prohibit discrimination against HIV-positive students and employees.

"We need to lift the debate on AIDS out of the inner sanctum of Bishop's Court [the rector's office], and into the university community as a whole," said Marlene Daley, Concordia's HIV/AIDS Awareness Programme co-ordinator, and organizer of last week's day-long AIDS conference.

Daley said Concordia students need more than just superficial information about AIDS. She said almost any curriculum can be adapted to incorporate safer sex information.



"Students really need to talk about this," she said, "and there's not many places they can go to do so."

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from me—even though it means I spend hours alone with them behind closed doors. It sounds like a small thing to celebrate, but this is Bishop's.

I once even had hopes of trying to organize other gay faculty members, but none of them ever spoke out when I was a student, and to this day they rarely speak to me and never acknowledge we have something important in common.

The fear that some day I may wake up to discover that I have become like one of them — a gay man tolerated by the administration because he is mute, a gay man who has bought with his silence a comfortable niche in the system — will eventually make me organize a group again, come what may.

For every small–town gay at Bishop's or elsewhere who is quiet because 'he's got his own,' there are untold numbers of young lesbians and gay men alone and scared, with no one to turn to because of the deafening silence.

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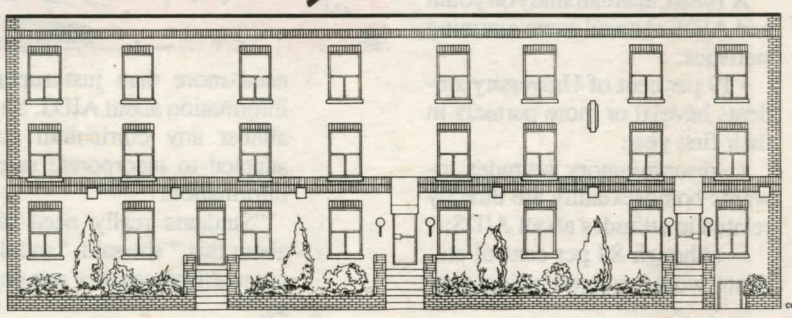

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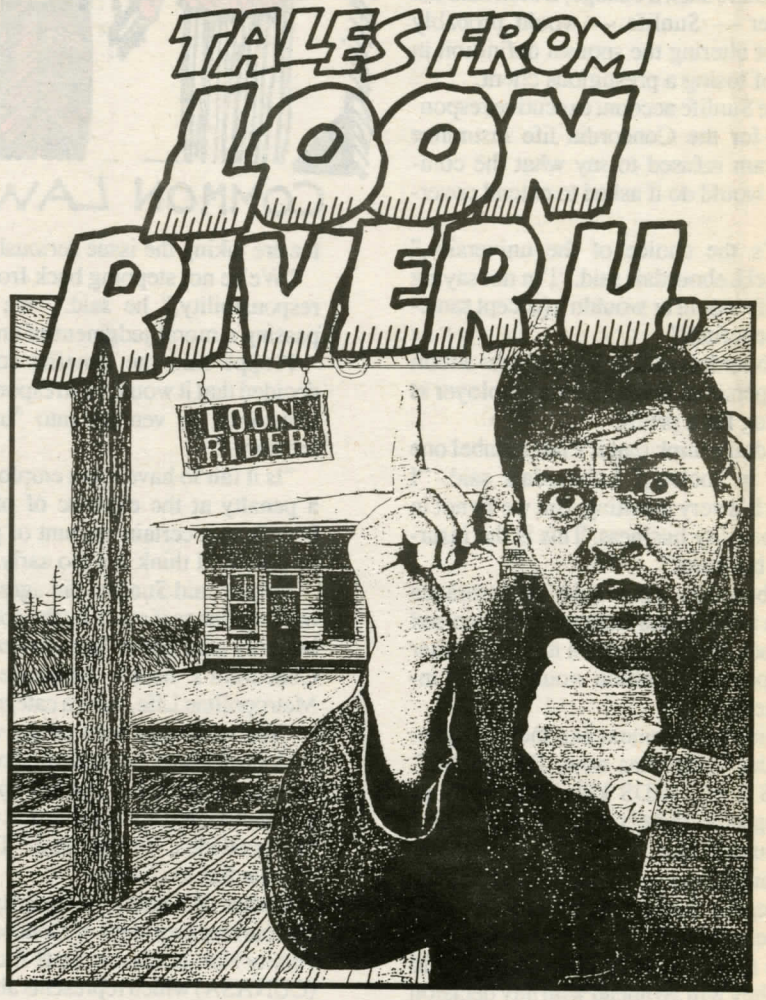

Loon River U student Billy Joe MacBride wrote his mid-term on Molecular Organic Structural Biology and immediately felt the need to leave town. It had been a tough exam. Even tougher since Billy Joe was a Business major. If only he hadn't taken that left turn on the quadrangle...

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Emergence of an Eros culture to come

by Taylor Jane Green

One week after the femicide of December 6, Norah Fraser decided to go ahead and launch her audio tape of lesbian erotic writing. She considered postponing the event during the immediate period of grief. But she decided her project could become part of the healing process.

"This needs to be there, women talking about loving women," Fraser said. "Ten years ago, this couldn't have been done so openly."

The cassette is an important look at (and listening to) the erotic from a very different place than so-called lesbian activity pictured in 'men's magazines.' It celebrates the freedom of diversity in sexual experience and expression.

Side A of the tape consists of eight selections from the book "By Word of Mouth" read by Augusta Lapaix (CBC). The other side features "Sous La Langue," read by author Nicole Brossard, followed by its English translation "Under Tongue."

Fraser said she was deeply moved by the pieces as she recorded Lapaix's reading. "I felt a cliche, for real. I felt as though my heart would burst."

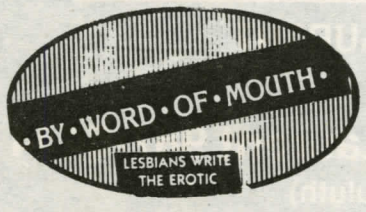
After listening to the tape myself, I must agree that Lapaix brings the material alive in a gentle but powerfully erotic way.

Fraser's sensitive recording lends particular honesty and depth to Lapaix's reading. Technically, no compression or processing was used on the voice, allowing it full range and freedom of shade, tone and nuance.

Fraser became a sound technician because she wanted to contribute to women's culture. She believes the audio tape medium has a particular value for women. It can be produced and distributed relatively cheaply and independently, unlike the predominantly patriarchal and corporate media of TV, film, video and broadcasting. She urges the public to support independent producers by buying their work instead of home-taping.

By Word of Mouth/Sous la Langue offers a radical new perception of human sexuality, particularly lesbian sexuality, that is badly needed in our heterosexual male-centric and mechanically-oriented culture. We are conditioned to be deaf and blind to the inner life of love and sex.

In the face of the recent event at U of M, an act overtly designed to render women silent and invisible, what could be more radical and healing than words, passionately spoken, by women about loving women? This project is part of the emerging culture of eros that we will be seeing and hearing more of as people realize the ultimate poverty, not to mention misogyny (which wounds us all), of pornographic consciousness and material.



In Cuba I saw Gay Men

In Cuba
I saw gay men

At the bar in Santa Maria del Mar
an old flag
flapping his wrists at the dogs
wriggling his breasts
to the rhumba
serving drinks with delicatesse

On the gua-gua
I saw boys
greet one another with kisses--
then feign offense
touch each other on the cheeks
brush back another's hair
in laughing loving Friday-night gestures

In La Habana
I saw gay men
waiting for ice cream at Coppelia
or walking down the street
without the macho strut

On the beaches
I saw gay men
who didn't hustle us
for our tourist dollars
or hassel us
for our tourist bodies

At the hotel
I saw gay men
making fun of gay men
for family entertainment

I saw gay men
two on a horseback
I saw gay men
in uniform

In Cuba I saw gay men

* * *

In Cuba
I saw women

saw them kissing
saw them holding hands
saw them laughing in loving
Friday-nighjt gestures

But did I see one
lesbian
who I might have approached
to say
"Hola...soy una lesbiana
Canadinese..."
One visible lesbian
who might have wanted to talk or walk
conmigo?

Not one

Not one on the beach
not one at the bar
Not one on the bus
Not one eating ice cream
Not one on horseback
Not one at the hotel
Not one in uniform
Not one in Cuba

But on our last day
in Habana
Vieja,
holding hands with my lover
and ignoring catcalls,
a group of young machos
hurled the worst insult t
they could muster

"Tortilleras!"

"SI!"

I yelled
raising up my lover's hand
in a coupled victory fist
for the revolution to come

Carolyn Gammon

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WITHIN MY HEART

OH how you have,
touched me,
reached me,
found me,
and taken me,

DEAP into your home,
sound into your life
well into your imagination,
to see your world,

WITH the same magic,
that sustains love,
all and eveywhere,
through thought travel,

IN future's first taste,
we mould ourselves,
to fit tight and wet,
slipping fast dreams till,

MY whole being feels,
the tipping of my hands,
so warm withyour release,
jetting the rhythm quick to my

HEART.

for Carolyn
-Abbey

Photo by Rachel DeGrâce

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"deep ecology" school. In his recent book, *Remaking Society*, he condemned the view that people as a species are responsible for environmental problems, rather than powerful corporate elites.

Besides dealing with problems such as deforestation and the greenhouse effect, Bookchin said a new consciousness towards the environment must also be raised.

"As a whole world view, ecology requires a new sensibility toward the natural world that is only possible if we develop a new sensibility toward each other in the social world."

Bookchin said this world view must include ways of changing how the rich relate to the poor, whites to people of colour, and the First to the Third World.

"Unless we radically bring in these issues of social justice and start arresting the destruction of our planet, we will fail abysmally," he said.

Bookchin reminded the audience that if no radical change in dealing with the present ecological crisis is put in place, it could spell disaster.

"Either we become citizens again or we become social androids following the signs which lead in one direction— over the cliff."

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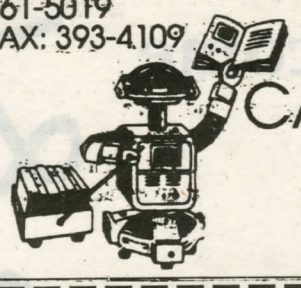

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The Matt Johnson

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by Cicely Yalden

Clubbing becomes a veritable art form during Montreal winters. But even when the temperature is low, little will stop a club-slug from inching along to the nearest outlet. So, from one slug to another, let the gossip begin.

Saturday nights at St. Laurent have become a hotbed of clubbing activity. Now there are three frozen-nosed line ups to choose from — Business, Di Salvio and Zoo Bar — all minutes apart. But, if you don't want to go in, just watching the hoards appear outside is entertaining in itself. So pull up a bar stool by the window of the Blue Dog (between Business and Zoo Bar) and let your voyeuristic pleasures fly.

Meanwhile, many are still awaiting the arrival of yet another addition to the St. Laurent strip — Circus. However, as some have already heard, some pretty nasty tales have been floating around about the Circus. Sources say that its owners (Di Salvio affiliates) had homophobic and racist reservations towards the staff chosen for their club, something about there being too many blacks and too many gays... does the word 'boycott' mean anything to you? Onward to same sex land. Now that Alcatraz has replaced Securite Maximum, the boys are flocking instead to Jungle (1400 Montcalm at St. Catherine). But, once a month, women are permitted access and fun is had by all... almost all... It must be noted that Ladies Night does not alter the policy of barring drag queens; unfortunately, even gay clubs have their prejudices (Jungle's next Ladies Night is Feb. 22).

So far, 'Ladies Nights' (a.k.a. straight nights) at Jungle have included live performances by various dance music acts — from Malcolm McLaren and his vogueing entourage to Jomanda to Jamie Principle. However, Principle was a bit ridiculous. There's something peculiar about a gay men's bar hiring such an absurdly hetero/sexist act. Is it assumed the 'Ladies' wanted to watch Principle's female dancer perform mock felatio? Boooring.

If cruising on the dancefloor is your pleasure, well, if you can see your hands in front of your face at this very dark, dry-ice fest, you're at an advantage. Nonetheless, Jungle (ex-Pow Wow club) has a good lay-out for dancing or spectating from the second-floor observation deck.

Of course there are many other boy bars in Montreal, but if women aren't allowed inside, I can't write about them. For more on the topic of gender-specific door policies and other interesting info, keep your eyes open for a new fanzine *Fuzzbox*. The first issue and the launch party are this week... Their warehouse launch party is being thrown by the same people responsible for past Love Machine and Pumping Velvet bitchin' bashes... location is word-of-mouth so prick up your ears!

For those of you who are wondering where all the girls are going now that Le Boom is closed, Bilitis is the new reigning club queen, so to speak. Upstairs is the same as ever although considerably more crowded now. The music is predominantly Top 40, but the crowd still shakes up the dance floor in their own controlled way. Downstairs, however, black lights and the wine cellar atmosphere attract ex-Boom clientele (i.e. they wear black). Sources say downstairs will soon have its own DJ and a heavier house sound will take over.

If Bilitis bores you, there are other options cropping up. Wednesday night is the opening of Le Paradis on St. Denis, so check it out, but, I don't think there is a dancefloor included. But be patient, apparently the owners of the Glou Glou are searching for a space and will soon be opening a new women's dance bar.

For further details on gay clubs, *Fugues* magazine (available at Androgyne bookstore) is a good reference.

THE THE THE

by Laura Marelen

The problem with Friday night's Spectrum show by *The The* wasn't so much what they played but rather, what they didn't play. It was as if no one at CBS Records bothered to explain to Matt Johnson what the basis of his appeal and following in Montreal has been since 1982.

Maybe the 'real' *The The* fans in the crowd were satisfied with having virtually all of *Infected* reacted on stage minutes after seeing it on a giant video screen. But for those in the audience who remember how, in the summer of 1982, at the first sound of Uncertain *Smile's* computerized xylophone, people flung themselves onto the dancefloors of Montreal's best alternative dance clubs, Friday's show was cold comfort.

The operative word here is cold, starting front and centre with the somber Matt Johnson, looking for all the world like Gary Numan. A brilliantly-devised light show shrouded the musicians in a stark flat light creating the illusion of faceless otherwordliness. But that sterility served only to further alienate a crowd yearning to hear some of Johnson's more upbeat work.

Matt Johnson is a master of the intelligent pop song, clever and danceable, without reducing it to a pop ditty. Performing any one of these, like *Perfect* or *This is the Beat(en) Generation*, would not have detracted from the show's overall intensity, only made it more human.

It was clear there were as many *Smiths* fans in the audience as there were *The The* fans. It was this contingent that was the least disappointed as the genial genius, Johnny Marr was his brilliant boyish self. He glided effortlessly through the heavy-handed material, providing all the spontaneity for the evening—except, of course, for the slinky blonde back-up singer

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AN OUT OF BODY EXPERIENCE

by Alison Loader

Call it pornography, erotica, or call it art.

Bods: Series #1, an exhibit of large scale nude photography is on display now at the Concordia Women's Centre. The artist is Lyllie Sue, a student at Concordia. Her photography, if anything, is stunning.

"This show is a direct response to my reasons for leaving the photography department at Concordia," she said during our interview. "I was attacked for not being able to do a perfect 8" x 10" photograph. And after my first critique, my teacher said, 'You're going to fail if you hand these in.' I was shocked, the problem wasn't the criticism, it was the communication with my teacher. There was no support, no direction, and I thought, 'I'll show you.'"

"So I learned how to do a conceptual photograph, and I made them 20" x 24" because they don't even have the facilities for that at Concordia."

Sue's 20" x 24", black and white photos focus on the beauty of male and female bodies. Light and shadow enhance muscle and curve as the camera celebrates the unclothed. Sue said she is attracted to the aesthetic of the nude.

"It's such a coverup; I see it as a total mask. It's like when people build buildings. In architecture, the structure is beautiful, but as soon as they put the facade on with the glass and bricks it's totally gone. Once you see through that, it's much more interesting. And it's the same thing with the body."

In her artist's statement, she also likens nudes to the uncovered spirit. There is motion and tension in Sue's work. The models push forward and upward, sometimes struggling against pliable yet constraining mesh. A man seems to be flying away.

An interesting aspect of the show is the different approaches to shooting the female and male models. The photographs of women are all group portraits, but the men are photographed separately. Sue said that was how the models acted. The women liked to be photographed together and were quite experimental whereas the male models insisted on being alone and were less open to direction.

Sue also displayed t-shirts at her exhibition. These incorporated silkscreened images, but were also hand- and spray- painted. Statements such as "The body is like a work of art it deserves great fame" relate directly to the exhibit. While phrases like "Autoerraticism" and "Radical Chic" play with semantics questioning the role of women. The artist describes her wordplay as "scriptic".

Sue also places chains and small pictograms on her work. Clowns fall, and horses run away. Male and female symbols cross to represent "ambisexuality", and nondefinition.

The exhibition is about getting uncovered and all the layers, physical and non-physical, which we take on and are forced upon us. Yet, at the centre of the work is the beauty and richness of the photograph and the nude.

The work of Lyllie Sue will be at the Women's Centre, 2020 Mackay, until March 2.

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hardly conformed "to any stereotype of the all-American hero." Sipple was gay, reported the press. The revelation led Sipple's family to ostracize him. Last year, Sipple died in San Francisco of undisclosed causes.

12. Denmark.
13. Turing broke the "German Enigma Code", allowing the British to decipher secret German messages, an instrumental step in the subsequent British victory.
Recently, Turing's life has been turned into a successful play entitled *Breaking the Code* by writer Hugh Whitemore.
14. *The Boys in the Band* (1970) directed by William Friedkin.
15. *Desert of the Heart* was written by Jane Rule.
16. Larry Kramer. The 1978 book was *Faggots*. More recently Kramer wrote *The Normal Heart*, a play concerning the political struggles facing the first organization created to fight the AIDS crisis, the Gay Men's Health Crisis Centre. He also helped found the radical AIDS activist organization, ACT UP. An additional bit of trivia: Kramer wrote the screen adaptation of D.H. Lawrence's *Women in Love*.
17. *Maurice* was written by E.M. Forster.
18. Concordia.
19. True. Gay and Lesbian organizers of Gay Pride Day, the largest celebration of gay pride in Canada, were told (again) that an official Gay Pride Day would not reflect the values of Toronto citizens. Muppet Baby Day was declared to coincide with the visit of the Ice Capades. The day was seen as an affirmation of family values and as symbolic support for the city's business community.
Apparently in Toronto it's easier bein' green than bein' pink.
20. San Francisco.

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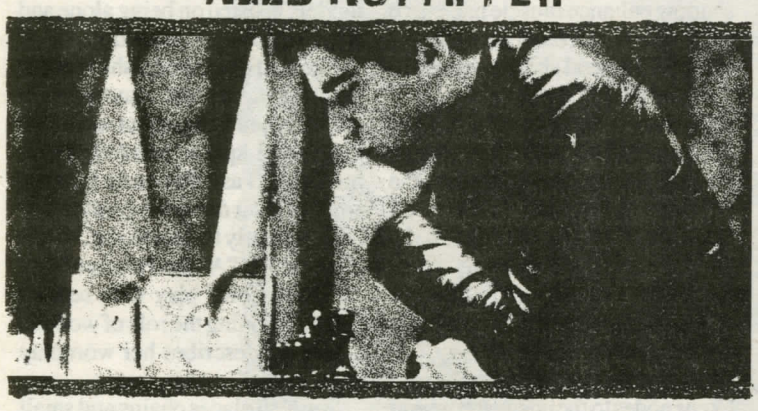

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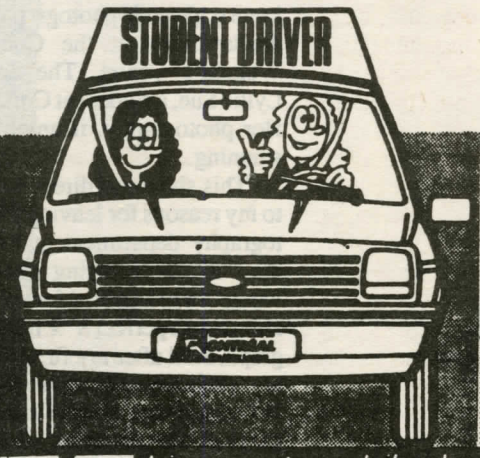

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Sports*beat*

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Netmender Rob Desjardins seen making one of his many saves, as Concordia upset McGill, 5-2 in the Corey cup.

ConU upsets Redmen

by Francois Amyot

The Concordia Stingers and the McGill Redmen certainly don't consider the Corey Cup a regular exhibition game. The rivalry never dissipated, as both teams gave a fast and furious show on the Forum ice Friday night.

The Stingers won their first Corey Cup in three tries, 5-2, in a hard fight and exciting battle, before a crowd of about 5000.

In so doing, the Stingers won their 50th game (in 77 meetings) in their all time series with the Redmen. Concordia won 36 of the 38 first meetings, but McGill now has a record of 13-5- 1 in the last 19 games between the two teams.

"Even if it wasn't a league game, every win counts. It will boost us against Ryerson," grinder Bob Rowatt said.

Captain Richard Laplante, who had three assists, agreed with his teammate. "This victory is giving us the momentum to play against Ryerson."

The Stingers scored five unanswered goals, with three in the final period, to defeat McGill. Left winger John Gravelle scored the winning goal at 0:57 of the third period, deflecting a pass from the corner off the stick of E.J. Janieszewsky. First year stars Steve Sonosky and Scott Kerins completed the scoring, the last one nailing down the coffin for McGill.

Steve Sonosky's goal was a beauty. After McGill all- star Patrice Tremblay twice had the equalizer on his stick, only to fan on the puck, the Stingers went on a 4 on 2 break. Sonosky received a spectacular behind the back pass from defenceman Louis Leger and blasted the puck behind McGill goalie Jamie Reeve from the right circle.

Goaltender Rob Desjardins prevented the Redmen from tying the game with spectacular saves. He was steady all night, stopping many furious Redmen attacks. He even lost his mask after making a save in traffic.

The Stingers began their comeback in the second period, after trailing 2-0. Mark Davidson pulled the trigger twice during power plays to douse the flames of the Redmen.

Bob Rowatt explained the rally. "We knew it all the way. McGill was tired and we had to press their defensemen to have scoring chances," he said.

The Redmen were not mentally in the game in the second period. They stopped skating and were not disciplined. The penalties cost them two goals that gave the tempo to the host team. Concordia began to make the basic plays. Their passes were on the money and they finished their body checks.

McGill outplayed the Stingers in the first period. They took the lead by two and outshot Concordia 13-6. The Redmen goals came from Brent Bannerman and Martin Olivier.

Desjardins kept his team in the game by frustrating the opposition. "Everybody was nervous in the first period and the puck was bouncing for them. I even juggled the puck some times," he said.

The best scoring chance for Concordia during the period was on a breakaway. Playing shorthanded, Richard Laplante took a loose puck at center ice, but was robbed by Reeve. The Redmen went right back to take a 2-0 lead.

The Stingers season and playoff hopes come down to one game. They will play the Ryerson Rams this Friday night at 7:30 at the Loyola arena. The Stingers and Rams will battle it out for the last playoff spot in the OUAA Eastern division.

Playing the gay way

by Elly C. Lonero

If you're gay and you know it and you really want to share it, go to Vancouver.

In August, that city will play host to Celebration '90, the third annual gay games and cultural festival.

Concordia student Judy Lachapelle is part of the committee responsible for forming a team to represent Montreal at the gathering.

"It's a chance for us to be together as a group of lesbians and gays in one place at one time, to affirm our culture," she said. "And we'll be celebrating our sexuality and our lifestyle."

The concept of international gay games began in San Francisco when 1,300 participants came together for Challenge '82. Since Triumph '86, which had 3,500 participants, the games have become a regular event every four years.

Celebration '90 will include a cultural festival and sporting events based on participation rather than on a competitive Olympic-type model. Organizers plan to host at least 10,000 people, making it the largest lesbian and gay event in Canadian history.

"There'll be this family atmosphere," Lachapelle said. "People from a lot of different cultures will be there and we have this one thing in common."

The Montreal organizing committee is hosting several information seminars around the city to encourage Montrealers to join the team. On March 20, one will be held at UQAM, which is open to all Concordia students.

Lachapelle said the Montreal committee only started recruiting members recently but has already signed up more than 45 people. Before the May deadline, it expects to increase that number to 150 by inviting anyone interested in participating in athletic or cultural events.

But aside from encouraging people of all races, ages, disabilities, and sexual orientations to join the team, the committee also hopes to begin fundraising at these seminars.

It recently started approaching businesses involved in the lesbian and gay community to sponsor the Montreal delegation or make donations. The money will be used to buy full uniforms for the entire team. Any remaining money will help subsidize the costs of travel and accomodation.

Participants can register for a wide range of individual or group sports, from volleyball to billiards to the triathalon. There are no qualifying eliminations and preliminary competitions have been incorporated into the Games themselves.

The cultural festival is both a showcase for the creativity of lesbians and gays and a 'hands on' experience for team members. The events range from "main stage spectaculars" to learning workshops.

According to the pamphlet drafted by organizers Metropolitan Vancouver Athletic and Arts Association, "Celebration '90 is centred on the principle of inclusion... Athletes and artists with all degrees of skills can take part because winning in Celebration '90 means doing one's personal best."

The pamphlet also extends a special welcome to "those special interest groups who sometimes feel excluded by major gay events," including the physically challenged.

For more information, or to register, call 488-7565.

Sports*briefs*

The Concordia women's hockey team had a strong showing at the Senior Provincial Championships this weekend. The Stingers finished third which is very impressive. The league is aggressive and the level of experience is pretty high with an age limit for players of 35 years.

The Stingers lost to the eventual champs from Sherbrooke 4-0. They went on to defeat a team from Laval by a 3 to 1 final.

Skier Julie Klotz was named Female Athlete of the Week in the QSSF, keeping the award at Concordia for the second straight week, after Rosanne Gamache won the honour last week.

A former Olympian, Klotz paced the Stingers women's team to a first place finish, with a victory in the Super Giant Slalom. The Women's squad leads the league.

Women lose in O.T.

by Gary Lebovics

The Concordia Stingers women's basketball team lost an overtime 75-74 thriller to the university of Laval Friday night.

Laval's Isabelle Lauziere hit a three pointer with five seconds left in regulation time to tie the score at 70 and send the nailbiter into overtime.

Concordia's two leading scorers were, Isabelle Tetrault and Suzie Czeinai, racking up 23 and 20 points respectively. Both had shots at winning the game late in the extra period but failed to score.

"They were both quality shots but they wouldn't sink," said coach Louisa Zerbe. "Offensively we played a great game but our defence was poor.We got into foul trouble with three of our starters collecting four fouls each."

The game was close and exciting right from the beginning. Between the two teams 60 points were scored in the first ten minutes.

"It was something like 30-30 after 10 minutes. At that pace we could have reached a hundred and twenty points," Zerbe said.

Laval who led by three at the half, was able to tie the score with a 3-pointer after Concordia had taken a 70-67 lead with two minutes left in regulation time to force overtime.

The loss leaves the Stingers with a 2-6 record, but as coach Zerbe put it "two of these losses have been close ones to first place 7-1 Bishops."

Concordia's two wins were a 15 point margin over Laval and, the streak ending win against McGill, who will be the Stingers next opponent this Friday. Sunday they play host to the Bishop's Gaiters at the Loyola gym at 1 P.M.

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with the Solid Gold moves.

Montreal audiences tend to be vocal and participatory, often shouting repeatedly and annoyingly what songs they want to hear performed. Friday night's audience was eerily quiet, almost in deference to the reason for *The The*'s postponement last October — Johnson's brother's death. In all fairness, maybe Matt Johnson just didn't know what the audience had come to see. Reports from Saturday night's show seemed to indicate that Johnson read the scathing *Gazette* review and made the effort to loosen up and be more communicative. The The even included *Uncertain Smile* in the encore.

I know several hundred people who wished they had been at the Saturday show.

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Sports*beat*

Stingers still in first

by Paul Graif

The Stingers men's basketball team got a big scare Saturday night when the Ottawa Gee Gees put up a furious fight.

The Stingers eventually won the game 107-95 but not before the 4 and 11 Gee Gees played better than their record would have suggested.

In a game marred by sloppy play and 38 turnovers, Concordia nonetheless still managed to dominate under the boards. Despite a 31 point performance by Ottawa big man Bill Shane, the Stingers hauled in 45 rebounds, to the visiting teams 29.

"The defense had a bad game," said senior guard Mike Baker, who scored 21, mostly on 3-pointers. "There is no way Ottawa should score 95 against us. We'll get our butts kicked in practice this week."

The first half saw the two teams engaged in furious fast paced end to end action. The Stingers clung to a one point lead heading into the dressing room thanks to a basket in the last three seconds of the half by Captain Nick Arvanitis.

The Gee Gee's brought the score to within one, at 81-80, at the 12.:30 mark, after being down by eight earlier in the second half.

From there, hustling reserve guard Pat Sullivan took over. By hitting a tri, he extended Concordia's lead to six. He then made one of his patented spectacular blocks from behind to preserve the margin. The Stingers never looked back after that.

Leading point-getters were swingman Mike Cohee and senior guard Baker with 21 points each. Also in double figures for the Stingers were Arvanitis with 18 and rookie Robert Ferguson who poured in 16.

Concordia clung to its lead late in the game because of consistent foul shooting.

Coach John Dore was pleased with the squad's performance at the stripe attributing it to extensive practice.

"We work on our foul shooting every day. Most day's twice and sometimes three times," Dore said.

The Stingers were able to hang on to top spot in the East division despite a Bishop's victory over the McGill Redmen 95-94 in TO. Concordia can clinch home court advantage by winning its last two games.

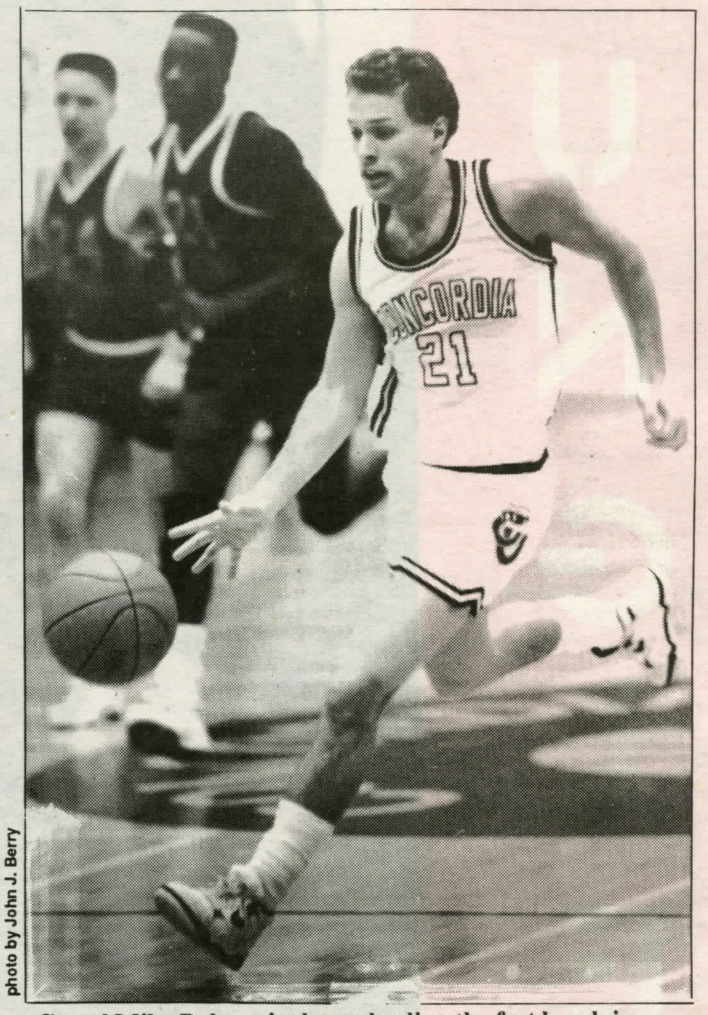
The Redmen will be very hungry coming into the end of season home and home showdown with the Stingers. McGill has lost its last four game and will come out flying with forward Paul Brousseau who is leading the nation in rebounding and ranked second in scoring average.

The Stinger defense should be up to the challenge, they have limited their opponents to an 82 point average per game while themselves averaging 93.4. They have only allowed the opposition 100 points once all season, 110 to UBC in the pre season, while eclipsing the century mark seven times themselves.

This should be a great series, the Stingers have won thelast nine meetings between the two teams and hope to make it ten.

"The McGill rivalry is always great," Baker said. "No matter how far apart in the standings the two teams are, it heats up."

The Games will take place this Friday night at McGill at 8 P.M. and the following Friday night at Loyola at the same time, to finish up the regular season.



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Guard Mike Balmer is shown leading the fast break in a 107-95 win over Ottawa.

Can love be classified?

Mammy - eight kids!?! that's going to take a hell of a lot of Glenlivet! But, hey, if you like saggy boobs, that's your business. Just get me my fax machine, hide the condoms + we'll talk - XOXO - Annette.

Do that Ita-thang! Life wouldn't be the same without it. Have we (or maybe just me) said thanks? Well, thank you and you'd better come to visit this summer. I'll have no one else to gush to — lucky you — and I'd already have gone insane without your presence and sarcastic, if slow, comments. happy happy heart day and may all your wildest dreams come true.

Kissy Kissy to Skippy, Dino-Deanne, Moonbeam, Momma + Poppa Link, Padriac-baby, all the super alumnuses (you know who you are) and especially Davey Home boy.

'Twas once a guy named TED
Quite wonderful in bed
His girlfriend smiled
As she him beguiled
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Andrew F.: Our admiring gazes have crossed on many occasions;
-we shared a smile on common transportation,
when we meet, I leave that to your discretion.

Marie Josee - little button - choochie woochie - simple and sweet - be my Valentine - Love Bear.

Lucie, there's no one quite like you. You know how to make someone smile. I'm lucky to have you... Sweet Valentine. Frank

GRACE, Realism sucks, so next time don't duck! Happy Valentines XOXO? Aaron

To that blond skinny guy. Two months?! argh! I miss you, lots.

TO Spud: No B.F. again this year? See a trend? Happy Valentine's Day. From your favority ex. Luv, Duddle

Roses are red, little cars and cockers are blue, if you jiggle the biggle I'll huggle with you. Tummy kisses forever from your tweetie.

To the eldest Brady bro: So, I finally get a chance to gush in the pages of this fine rag. They'll all moan and groan over this, but they just don't get it, do they? It's totally unfair that all these vile couples get to slobber over each other in person today and we are 600km apart. But here's to España, rednecks and mid-life crises.

To Jenn - dreams, money, tropical, BMW, beach, condo, sun, tan, fun, reality, USA, future, ring, spark, love, you, me, forever! Happy 3rd Valentines - love Pokeroo.

Dear co-gros-fromage: We're actually 3/4 done, can u believe it? And we haven't killed each other yet! In fact, I'm even going to miss you next year... the 6am treks to Pine/Drummond, your screeching, those wild encounters in the ed office, gold eyeshadow, our insane love lives... nobody could ever be the same. And yes, we are lucky — no one else would have put up with either of us. Happy Valentine's to my favourite mutant (just kidding).

Flowers are genius
And line tape is mod.
Happy Valentine's
To our 'Gift from god'.

Luv Angel: Whatever life may hold in store I could ask for nothing more than sharing it with you. You make our good times together the best times of my life. Happy Valentine. Luv you.

My favorite cow you are the hay of my life. The pasture of happiness you are utterly awesome. Love your Mexican Jumping bean Gringo.

Massimo, questo messaggio e per tuo: Sei importante per io. Io separo tu comprenderi - mio italiano e SHIT. Solamente sa che io sono qui. Love, icipling.

Sebastien, you are the person I depend on. A companion at my side. You brighten my days with your existence. I Love you - Happy Valentine.

Tim, my Forever Man, Easy Now, won't let my love flow out of you. My high isn't Cocaine it's Tangled in Love with you. Layla

A Happy Valentine's day wish from Sam & Mike to the "Reggies Gang", Nancy, Milane, Chantal, Lee, Sharon & Marianna.

Debra, let's run away and go around the world. If not, let's throw Casper out the window, cuddle up next to the heater and just dream about it... - Pookums.

Foo:
My mind wanders
Thinking of you
Loving and hating
Not knowing
Be mine for today
And leave tomorrow
For another time
Foo2

No longer am I afraid
my palm to stretch
and feareth not I to say
"I love thee very much".
Oh! beautiful Bird, please stay!
GKMPs

Steven - Happy V day and B-day! February 4, 1987: "What would you say if I told you I wanted to kiss you?" February 14, 1990: "Kiss me, you fool". Love ya, K.

Hej min älskad Äsa Jag älskar dig min lilla svenska pippi fita. Fran din kanadensisk flodhäst Kuk. Welcome + Happy Valentine. Love Victor.

Boyfriend: I luv you. Happy Valentine's - I challenge you to a game of POKER - girlfriend

Marilyne: Si Androgyne n'etait pour si gente dame aurais-je tant passion? D'un coeur decharne a l'Eve des reves: J'ai, pour vous, amour. Louis-Eric.

HEY #23 of the BIG LEAGUE!
Thought I'd let you know,
We've been apart a while now...
Still care about ya!
ROCKY

W.E.T. - thank you for being in my life - I.D.

"Elephant Shoes" - I love you.

A Message to you Judy: It had to be you! You're the greatest lovebunny. XOXO K.

Al Rubi mas grande de este mundo: Feliz dia del cariño! Gracias por la consulta y prescripcion el sabado pasado (no quisiera estudiar psiquiatria?) Cuando nos vamos de viaje? Francia, Mejico, Italia(!), o.... Besitos (besotes), de ya sabe quien! (Oh oh, creo que necesito otra consulta gratis, este Sabado?)

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Hamburger Steak
Corned Beef w/Cabbage

Friday
Beef Stew
Hot Roast Beef Sandwich
Fish -n- Chip
Baked Rigatoni

Saturday
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Cold Beef Sandwich w/F.F.
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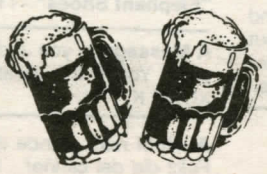
Rib Steak



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Small Steak

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